

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:
Hideyoshi OKITA

Application Serial No: 10/743,328

Filing Date: December 23, 2003

Title: FOOD FREEZING AND THAWING
METHOD AND APPARATUS

Group Art Unit: 1761

Examiner: Vera STULII

Confirmation: 5586

Attorney Docket No: 2888-101

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER C.F.R. §1.114

ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

Dear Sir:

This amendment is being submitted in response to the final Office Action mailed September 25, 2007 and accompanies a Request for Continued Examination.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on Page 12 of this paper.